

SENATE BILL 2389

By Kilby

AN ACT to amend Chapter 298 of the Private Acts of 1972; and  
any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the  
reading of ordinances before passage by the city council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Article IV, Section 4.09 of Chapter 298 of the Private Acts of 1972, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting the same and substituting instead the following language:

The enacting clause of each ordinance shall be: "Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Kingston". Every proposed ordinance shall be in writing. Each ordinance, before being adopted, shall be read at two (2) separate meetings, which may be regular or special. As used in this section, "read" means the reading of the caption of the ordinance. All ordinances of a penal nature passed shall be published at least once in the official newspaper of the city, and no such ordinance shall be in force until it is published. The council shall, within a two-year period after the adoption of this charter, and every ten (10) years thereafter, arrange for the codification of the ordinances of the city. Copies of this charter, code and current loose-leaf editions of the official code shall be maintained and made available for purchase by the general public at a fee to be established by the council. In addition, each councilman shall be furnished a copy for his use during his term in office.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Kingston. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the City of Kingston and certified to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3. For purposes of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.